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SUBJECT: AHG DATA REQUEST

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B. USNATO 2738

C. USNATO 2564

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1. US DEL RECOMMENDS FURTHER NATO ACTION TO DEVELOP AGREEMENT ON TOTALS BY COUNTRY OF PACT SSM AND HELICOPTER PERSONNEL. THESE TOTALS SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF AHG BY MID-JUNE. WE CANNOT HAVE A COMPLETE DISCUSSION, EVEN WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, OF EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES IN GROUND FORCE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT USING AGREED FIGURES ON THESE TWO COMPONENTS. FURTHERMORE, THE EVOLUTION OF DATA DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST MAY RESULT IN THE NEED TO QUANTIFY SUCH ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFERENCES.

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2. CONSEQUENTLY, WE RECOMMEND STEPS BE TAKEN TO SECURE EARLY NATO APPROVAL OF COUNTRY TOTALS FOR PACT SSM AND HELICOPTER PERSONNEL IN NGA. DEL SUPPORTS PROCEDURE SUGGESTED IN PARA 4 REF E, THAT THERE BE A PROMPT MEETING OF EXPERTS ON A TRILATERAL BASIS TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES THAT MAY EXIST ON THESE CATEGORIES. THE TRILATERALLY AGREED DATA COULD THEN BE BROUGHT BEFORE APPROPRIATE NATO FORUM FOR APPROVAL AND FORWARDING TO AHG FOR ITS USE, IF POSSIBLE NO LATER THAN MID-JUNE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK AND FRG DATA PEOPLE IN VIENNA HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN APPROACH.

3. SHOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN APPROACH.

3. SHOULD IT BECOME APPARENT THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT RESULT IN NATO AGREED FIGURES PRIOR TO MID-JUNE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT USG REQUEST NATO ACCEPT PACT SSM AND HELICOPTER PERSONNEL TOTALS DEVELOPED BY THE US, AND SUBMITTED TO NATO BY REF D, AT LEAST FOR INTERNAL USE BY THE AG.

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